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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' VISIT TO THE U.S.

1. IN VIEW OF THE VERY HEAVY DEMANDS ON THE SECRETARY'S TIME OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO INVITE PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS TO COME TO WASHING-ON DURING THE COURSE OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO NEW YORK AND CHICAGO. WERE THE PRIME MINISTER TO ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT, WE WOULD, OF COURSE, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE HIM BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM THE GOTT WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPOINTMENT OR OF WILLIAMS' TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON NOT BE RAISED WITH HIM.

2. THANKS IN LARGE MEASURE TO YOUR GOOD EFFORTS, RELATIONS WITH GOTT HAVE IMPROVED STEADILY SINCE YOU ARRIVED AT POST AND WE, OF COURSE, HOPE THAT THIS WELCOME TREND WILL BE
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CONTINUED. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, WE REALLY HAVE NOTHING

TO SAY TO WILLIAMS AND THE ONLY SUBJECTS WHICH HE IS LIKELY
TO RAISE DURING THE COURSE OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE
SECRETARY ARE THOSE SUCH AS CIVIL AIR, ON WHICH WE ARE NOT
IN A POSITION TO BE FORTHCOMING.

3. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS
POSSIBLE TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHILE HE IS IN THE U.S. IN
THIS REGARD, USUN SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE A SENIOR

OFFICER (AMB. SCALI IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS) PAY A COURTESY
CALL ON WILLIAMS DURING HIS NEW YORK STOPOVER. GDS INGERSOLL

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